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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 06/30/2005. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this case.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Burdorf et al. (U.S. Patent 5,795,688).

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is unanticipated by Burdorf as there is no disclosure or suggestion in the reference of patterning a semiconductor material with